

Governor Napolitano appointed **CHRISTINA URIAS** as Director of the Arizona Department of Insurance in November, 2003. Prior to her appointment, Ms. Urias was a partner at the law firm of DeConcini McDonald Yetwin & Lacy, P.C. (1989 - 2003). She maintained a broad-based litigation practice, primarily, involving insurance defense and consumer protection matters.

From 1973 to 1985, before becoming an attorney, Ms. Urias worked in the insurance industry as a property and casualty claims representative, where her responsibilities included coverage analysis, monitoring litigation strategies, investigation, negotiation and settlement of general, automobile, property and product liability claims.

A member of a seventh generation Tucson pioneer family, she is also fluent in Spanish. She received her B.A in philosophy (With Distinction) from the University of Arizona (1972) and graduated Cum Laude from the University of Arizona College of Law (1988). Ms. Urias clerked for then Chief Justice Frank X. Gordon, Jr., of the Arizona Supreme Court from 1988-1989. The Arizona Bar Foundation named Ms. Urias as one of the Top 50 Pro Bono Attorneys in Arizona and in 1997 awarded her The Pro Bono Service Award for her outstanding volunteer legal services to the community.